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Federal Communications Commission

Washington, DC 20554

Letter of Support for Mountain Communications LLC

The Garrett County Office of Economic Development supports Mountain Communications LLC's Expression of Interest for the FCC Connect America Fund initiative.

Mountain Communications/ProCom has a long standing commitment to improved telecommunications, Internet service and TV offerings to Garrett County (and surrounding MD and PA counties) citizens. Their technical expertise and customer service has propelled them to a leading position in the local telecom markets.

Garrett County, along with many other rural Appalachian counties, has suffered a deficit in broadband services and penetration for decades. A program offering financial support to modern tech companies such as Mountain Communications LLC is a real "home run" for the underserved rural population.

We whole heartily support their application to the FCC, and will be proactive in assisting them with expedited permitting, rights of way acquisition and inspection services to efficiently deploy their fiber optic network should they be awarded a FCC grant.

Please contact me should you need any additional information on this important initiative.



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